

# Seagoe Parish

## CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS ARRANGEMENTS

Monday 22 Dec  
10:30am — St Mary's

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Wed 24 Dec, Christmas Eve  
7:00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas — St Mary's

Thursday 25 Dec, Christmas Day  
11:00am — St Patrick's

Friday 26 Dec, St Stephen's Day  
10:30am — St Patrick's  
(No 7pm Mass today)

Saturday 27 Dec  
6:00pm First Mass of Sunday — St Mary's

Sunday 28 Dec  
11:00am — St Patrick's

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Next Adoration will resume in the new year in St Mary's on Wednesday 7 January. The Adoration Chapel, Edward Street, Lurgan, will remain open every day over Christmas from 9am–9pm.

## RETURN TO ST PATRICK'S

We are delighted that the Blessed Sacrament and congregation can return to St Patrick's once again from this Sunday, 21 December, for the liturgical life and home of prayer in Aghacommon and Derrymacash, and welcoming our many visitors for Christmas and throughout the year. The principal work done has been the specialised re-plastering of walls and replacement of some of the cornicing. The walls will be freshly painted early in the New Year. New radiators in the body of the church and gallery, linked by a new more efficient dual-circulation system for heating have been installed. Electrical wiring throughout the building has been upgraded to comply with current safety standards, and lighting is all LED low-energy. New speakers have been installed and the audio system upgraded, and a fire alarm system installed. And the Stations of the Cross have been restored and in some cases repaired, and are waiting to be re-hung when painting is complete in January.

We might echo the words of Jacob in the Old Testament: **"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven."** (Gen 28:17).

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Sunday 14 December £974.91**

**Thank you to the generous donors of two sums of £5000 to the restoration works.**

*Please make cheques payable to 'Seagoe Parish.'*

We thank all our parishioners for their continued support and generosity.

## † RECENTLY DECEASED †

*We offer our deepest sympathy and prayerful remembrance to the to the grieving relatives of the following parishioners and people in other parishes who died in recent days.*

Molly McShane, Charlestown Road  
Seamus McCann, Villiers Avenue  
Deirdre McKee/Crossey, Derrycor Lane

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 20 December

Veronica O'Neill, Loughview Manor  
Charlie-John McCluskey, Derryveen  
William -James & Bernadette McAlinden,  
Island View, Kinnego

### Sunday 21 December

Joseph Fitzpatrick, Wolfisland Terrace  
Patrick & Isabella McConville, Ballinamoney  
James & Margaret Blevins,  
Ballynamoney Road

Eileen & Michael Megoran, Wolfisland Terrace  
Patrick & Kathleen McCauley, Ballynacor Lane  
Geordie Locke, Knockramer Meadows

### Tuesday 23 December

Maisie Craig, Meadowbrook  
Patrick & Margaret Breen, Ballynamoney

### Wednesday 24 December

John & Margaret Jane Austin, Hall Rampart  
Paddy McDonald, Hall Rampart

### Thursday 25 December

Tommy Doyle, Derrytrasna Road  
Mary Catherine McAlinden, Bay Rampart

### Friday 26 December

James (Jim) Conway, Wolfisland Terrace  
Jimmy McGeown, Knockramer/Ardowen  
Canon Cathal Jordan former PP

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them*

## SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

A selection of religious-themed Christmas cards (packs of 10) will be available at times of Masses in St Mary's chapel over the next few weeks.

There is no charge for the cards—we simply ask that you select the packs you wish and leave a voluntary donation in the box provided.

All proceeds will go to help your local SVP provide support to individuals and families in need over the Christmas period. Thank you.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

We invite any Seagoe parishioner wishing to be considered as an 'assisted pilgrim' (sick) on next year's Pilgrimage (15-20 May) to contact one of the following:- Brenda McKernan (078-1140-7587) Andrea Judge (079-3050-3713) Fionntan Murray (077-2979-9460).

## ÉIRE ÓG CHRISTMAS 2025

### Coffee Morning in the Club

Sunday 21st December  
10.00am-1.00pm  
In Aid of SVP

# ST RONAN'S PASTORAL AREA:

comprising the parishes of Seagoe, Moyraverty,  
Lurgan and Magheralin

# Sunday Bulletin

**SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fr Brian Fitzpatrick, P.P. V.F. 3834 1901  
Fr Shajan Panachickal Michael, CC

3834 1901

Rev Patrick Gallagher, *permanent Deacon*

3834 3013

Rev Gerry Heaney, *Deacon Emeritus.*

3834 3013

St Vincent de Paul Confidential Helplines

Moyraverty 079 1949 6053

Seagoe 078 2777 0304

## Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person  
Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329  
safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org  
Southern Health & Social Care Trust

0800 783 745

N.I ChildLine 0800 1111

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am - 2.00pm

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In any emergency, please phone the  
parochial house 24/7 on 028 3834 1901

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

**Thu 25 Dec** Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

**Fri 26 Dec** St Stephen, *the first martyr, stoned to death as described in Acts 6 and 7.*

**Sat 27 Dec** St John the Evangelist, *apostle, author of the Fourth Gospel, the book of Revelation, and the letters of John in the New Testament*



## EVORA HOSPICE MEMORY TREE

Evora Hospice invite you to remember your loved ones by dedicating a leaf on our beautiful, hand sculpted memory tree, which is situated in the corner of the Hospice gardens. This provides a beautiful and meaningful way to remember a loved one whilst also helping the Hospice to continue delivering specialist palliative care to patients and support to their families. Call Logan or Aisling on 028 3026 7711 for further information or visit Memory Tree Leaf – shop online with Evora Hospice.

## HAPPY RETIREMENT, MARY!

This Tuesday will mark the final day in the office for our parish secretary Mary, who is retiring after 19 years of diligent service to Moyraverty and Seagoe parishioners and clergy. Mary has always been a friendly and helpful presence in the office, often as the first point of contact for people with the parish, and highly efficient and hard-working behind the scenes. She will be greatly missed in the office, but the forthcoming rest and chance to enjoying life in retirement is fully and richly deserved.

Thanks for everything, Mary, and God bless for a long, happy and healthy retirement!

## CONFESSION FOR CHRISTMAS

The Season of Advent challenges us to “*prepare the way of the Lord*” and to “*make straight his paths.*” The Sacrament of Penance is especially important as a way to bring order into our hearts and souls during these often bewildering times.

St. Paul teaches us, “*This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*” (1 Tim 1:15). No matter what sins you have committed, and no matter how many times or for how many months or even years you have committed them, God can forgive you, and He wants to do so more than you can possibly imagine. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is about God's love and mercy, and the freedom that comes with knowing that your sins are forgiven can be experienced when the priest says, **“I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”**

Prepare well, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you, and use an examination of conscience (available online) to help you identify and remember what to confess.

Whatever you do, please do go! The priest-confessor will be happy to give you any help you need; he is there to help you. Choose any of the opportunities here below:

Sat 20 Dec, 5:30–5:50pm St Mary's,

Derrytrasna

Sat 20 Dec, 6:30–7:20pm St Anthony's

Mon 22 Dec, 11:00–11:30am St Mary's,

Derrytrasna

Mon 22 Dec, 5:00–5:50pm St Anthony's

Mon 22 Dec, 7–8pm St Paul's, Lurgan

Tue 23 Dec, 10–11am St Anthony's

Tue 23 Dec, 6–7pm St Patrick's,

Aghacommon

Wed 24 Dec, 10–11am St Anthony's

Wed 24 Dec, 11am–12noon St Patrick's,

Aghacommon

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Sunday 28 Dec  
10:00am — St John's, Lylo  
12:00 noon — St Anthony's

Mon 29 Dec  
9:30am — St Anthony's

**No 6:00pm Mass on Monday 29th**

## CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE

Join us at St John the Evangelist's, Lylo for our Carol Service on Sunday, 21st December at 6:30pm. Together we will tell the story of the birth of Jesus through well-loved carols, scripture readings, and the warmth of community. A wonderful way to begin the Christmas season! All are warmly invited.

## ALPHA 2026 IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

We are about to embark on a journey that no one could refuse. The time has come for “Alpha in the Catholic context” to begin here in our local Parishes: St. Anthony's Parish (Moyraverty) and St. Peter's Parish (Shankill).

Alpha is a space for people to hold meaningful conversations about life, faith and purpose. We are here to invite you to explore your faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each Alpha session includes a video and discussion, with of course tea/coffee and biscuits. It is FREE of charge and we would look forward to welcoming new faces to Alpha 2026.

The Alpha Course will meet each Monday for 10 weeks as follows:

- Beginning: Monday 26 January 2026 @ 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Ending: Monday 23 March 2026
- Location:

St. Anthony's Church, Craigavon, BT65 5BL  
St. Peter's Church, North St, Lurgan, BT67 9AH

Details to register your interest:

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Peter Mc Cann 07881954552

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[Peter.McCann@thegigfoundation.org](mailto:Peter.McCann@thegigfoundation.org)

[Rachael.Wilson@thegigfoundation.org](mailto:Rachael.Wilson@thegigfoundation.org)

## MISSION APPEAL THANKS

*Sister Bride Counihan LSA writes from Cork:*

On my own behalf and on behalf of the poor of the developing world who will benefit from your parish's generosity, I would like to convey my sincerest thanks to you the parishioners for your very generous response of £2067.58 and €75 which were donated in our recent Mission Appeal in Moyraverty parish.

May God reward you all for your kindness and I can assure you that your gift will be put to very good use.

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Jacinto de Jesus, East Timor  
Kevin Vassallo, Clonmeen  
Bridget (Bridie) Gourley, Clanrolla Park

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Saturday 20 December

**Month's Mind** Thomas Stewart, Ardowen

Daniel McDonald, Altmore

Pat Daly, Drumgor Park

Brian O'Hagan, Drumbeg

Matthew Fox, Belfast

Mary-Jane Fox, Belfast

### Sunday 21 December

**Month's Mind** Paul McVeigh, Carrigart

**Month's Mind** Tony Lynass, Drumbeg North

Sarah McNamee, Castlederg

Francis Murphy, Knocknamuckley

Mary Greene, Carrigart

May Hill, Altmore

Damian Brennan, Carrigart

Hugh & Annie McEvoy, Ardowen

### Tuesday 23 December

Charles McCluskey, Derryveen

### Wednesday 24 December

Eamon O'Kane, Dungannon

Bridie McCrory, Donaghmore

### Thursday 25 December

Francie McCann, Campbell Walk

Sheila Feeney, Pinebank

James Rath, Drumgor Heights

Stephen Nugent, Drumbeg North

### Friday 26 December

Johnny Crumley, Enniskeen

Jimmy McGeown, Knockramer/Ardowen

Fr Dick O'Connell former CC

Roberta Campbell, Enniskeen.

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## THANK YOU FROM SVP

Members of St Anthony's Conference of St Vincent de Paul extend their deepest gratitude to all parishioners for their continued financial support throughout 2025. Our Annual Christmas Church Gate Collection was £2605.00. We sincerely thank you and wish you a Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2026.

## ANNUAL ST. STEPHEN'S DAY WALK

Moyraverty Lourdes Fundraising committee will be holding their Annual St. Stephen's Day walk, meeting at the hall for 10.30 and afterwards for soup, coffee, and tea in the hall. Everyone welcome.

## PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Sunday 14 December £1080.92**

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